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**HISTORICAL COLLECTION**—Looking over family Bibles in the collection of the late Mrs. D. Max Gardner, Sr., are her son, Ralph Gardner of Shelby, left, and college president Dr. E. Eugene Poston. Joseph L. Morrison of the Institute of Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina placed the value of the collection at more than \$15,000 when he checked it closely in mid-1969. The material covers Mrs. Gardner's lifetime of 1882-1963.

## Library Receives Gardner Papers

A collection of books and papers relating to the history of some of North Carolina's best-known families has been turned over to Gardner-Webb for use and display in the recently completed \$1,500,000 John R. Dover, Sr. Library.

The collection includes the diaries, holograph notes, correspondence, published materials, manuscripts, unpublished diaries, scrapbooks and letters of Mrs. G. Max (Fay Webb) Gardner, Sr. Mrs. Gardner's husband served as North Carolina's governor from 1909-13 and shortly before his death had been named United States ambassador to Great Britain. Mrs. Gardner for more than 30 years after his death was a vital figure herself in national and state Democratic party politics and public affairs.

The collection was turned over to the college by the Gardners' son, Ralph Gardner, following Mrs. Gardner's will stipulations upon completion of the new library. The collection will be preserved in a special 10 by six foot case.

## Drive Successful

Gardner-Webb College's Burke County capital gifts campaign has come to a successful conclusion with a total amount of \$125,832 reported. The organization had set a goal of \$101,000 for the area.

A breakdown of the final figures showed that \$27,656 came from the general gift organization and a total of \$98,154 came from the special gift campaign. A total of 151 gifts were given during the campaign in Burke County.

The campaign had five divisions, led by Renee Henderson, Vernon Seigler, Mrs. Al Dickson, Buford Robinson, and Jackson L. Felt.

J. D. Fife and Bernard McGillis served as area co-chairmen. Dr. Ralph Felt and G. Maurice Hill served as special gifts co-chairmen. Al Dickson was general gifts chairman and Mrs. Gene Beiler was the attendance chairman.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of the college, expressed the appreciation of the college to the workers at the final report meeting.

## Gift Honors Church Minister

Gardner-Webb College's Christian Service Foundation, an organization of area people dedicated to raising funds for scholarships for Christian vacation students at the college, has received a check for \$5,000 from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

The church's pastor, the Rev. E. H. Sessoms, has been active in the organization since its beginning in 1959 and has served for the past two years as its president.

The Rev. Mr. Sessoms recently resigned after six years as pastor of Pleasant Grove to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Robinsonville.

When his resignation was announced, church leaders began a drive to collect money

for a gift to him. However, he graciously declined to accept the money and the church voted to give the funds to the college's foundation.

The Rev. Mr. Sessoms has been a very active supporter of the foundation and his church membership has 14 individual memberships in the foundation. The church gives \$500 annually from its budget to the foundation and the 14 individuals give another \$7,500.

"It was the feeling of the church that there was no better way than giving this money to the Christian service foundation," said Alton Devine, church treasurer.

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## With The Alumni

James Stafford Batan '40 is the executive vice president for the Castle Parish Division of Burlington Industries in Beaufort, S.C. With the company for the past 30 years, he is chairman of the board of deacons at Beaufort's First Baptist Church, and is active in the Lions Club, United Community Services and the Boy Scouts.

Jack (Pik) Biggerstaff '49 recently was named recreation director for the town of Forest City. A former semipro baseball player, Biggerstaff formerly was Drexel's town recreation director and before that was recreation and rehabilitation director at McGowan's Broughton Hospital, where he was credited with beginning the "Operation Santa Claus" program.

The Rev. Carl E. Sizemore '57 is the new pastor of Anthony Grove Baptist Church at Route 1, Crouse. He has pastored several other churches in this region, most recently the Holly Springs Baptist Church of Mt. Airy.

Douglas D. Hemrick '57 and his wife, the former Malbie Roberts, live in Dallas, Texas, where he has been manager of planning and executive reports of Gulf Insurance Group for the past year. He's a deacon at Walwood Park Baptist Church.

Dr. Patrick R. Cobb '60, head of the Department of Professional Laboratory Experiments at Georgia Southern College at Statesboro, Ga., presented a paper on a mouse fitness test battery for elementary girls at the 1974 Southern District American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Convention in Norfolk, Va.

The Rev. Harry Walker '69 has been employed as industrial chaplain for Spindale Mills and the Doncaster-Tanner companies in Rutherford County. The chaplain-counselor concept is relatively new for industries in the area. The Rev. Mr. Walker, whose training includes two years in clinical pastoral education at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, most recently has been director of pastoral care for 10 Appalachian regional hospitals in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Two years ago he authored a proposal for a comprehensive alcoholism treatment

program at one hospital and became the program director.

William Worth Bridges, Jr. '69 is dean and coordinator of student personnel services and associate professor of social science at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. He was appointed to a "Council of Twenty" law enforcement advisory council named by the state's governor.

James Edwin McSwain '62 has been a chaplain at Meredith Center at Bator for the past seven years. He's a deacon and youth activities leader at Butler Baptist Church. He and his wife, Peggy, are the parents of one child.

Richard Verlee Ledford '63 is a physical education teacher and coaches football, track and cross-country at Lakeside High School in College Park, Ga. He was recognized by the Atlanta Track Club and named Cross-Country Coach of the Year in 1973.

David B. Washburn '64 is a graduate student at North Carolina State University. He's a deacon at Temple Baptist Church in Durham and is a telephone worker with CON-TRACT, a Durham telephone ministry.

Philip B. Storm Sr. '67 is vice president of Storm's Shoes at Wilmington, Del., where he makes his home with his wife and two sons.

John William Stanley '66 of Kinston was married in May to Sarah Diane Hedding of Pfafftown. They're making their home in Kinston, where he is employed by Henson Shirt Company.

The Rev. Charles Ray Yarbrough, Jr. '65 is pastor of Star Baptist Church in Star, and serves as a commissioner of federal housing for the town. He and his wife, Pamela, are the parents of one son.

Larry Gay '66 has been promoted to assistant cashier at the Wakesboro branch of The Northwestern Bank.

Linda Fabello and William Ray Miller, '69 and '71 respectively, make their home in Charlotte, where Ray is a sales representative of the Worthogson Corp. and Linda is doing some relief work as a registered nurse for the Florence Cokesdale House. They welcomed their first child, Brian, Sept. 14, 1973.

David V. Webb '69 is assistant to the direc-

tor of public relations at Gardner-Webb. He's a Sunday School teacher and deacon at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, and is married to the former Debra Ann Rogers.

William B. Herrick III '70 is minister of education at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville, where he makes his home with his wife, Sandra Kaye, and their daughter and son.

Jerry Rogge '71 is an English teacher in the Cleveland County Schools. He and wife Marybeth live in Boiling Springs.

Edward Lee Lawrence '71 is High Point's city chemist. He was married recently to the former Miss Carolyn Jean Blonnie of Clearwater, Fla. They're making their home in High Point.

William Jefferson Cranford II '72 is studying toward his doctorate at Baylor University and serving as pastor of South Bend Baptist Church in Clinton, Texas. He is president of Baylor's Graduate Theological Fellowship.

George W. McGee '72 has joined the staff of the N.C. Probation Service in Anson County. He and his wife, Mary, will be making their home in Weathersboro.

Martha Greene Smith '72 received a master of science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recently.

Bill Neal '72 and wife Kotkie are the parents of a new daughter, Elizabeth Irene, born April 26. The Neal home at Route 2, Shore Road, Rural Hall, N.C., also includes the baby's "big brother," Jacob Shane Neal, 1 1/2 years old.

Kee Reid '73, GWC's all-time scoring leader in football, will be playing with the Southern California Stars in the new World Football League. He was signed by the team to a three-year contract and says he'll be shooting for "Rookie of the Year" honors. He was married last December to the former Pauline Neal.

Steven Glenn Raldis '73 is a computer programmer with R.J. Reynolds Industries in Winston-Salem.

Timothy Ray Lacey '73 of Catawba was married in May to Barbara Jean Hunsacker. They're making their home in Clemmont, where he is employed by Mosler Furniture Co.

Dorey Lamar Deason '73 is a salesman for Hepler Brothers, Inc., in Greenville, S.C. He was married in April to Deborah Patsie Davis of Greenville.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know: since year's began in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.